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# Jo Turner to join National 4-H Hall of Fame

Writer: Curt Wohleber

Linda "Jo" Turner, former Missouri 4-H program leader and former interim director of University of Missouri Extension, will be inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame this fall.

The National 4-H Hall of Fame recognizes and celebrates 4-H volunteers, faculty and staff, pioneers, donors and others who have made a significant impact on 4-H at the local, state and/or national levels.

"Jo is an amazing collegue, mentor and friend. I am so happy for her!" said Alison Copeland, Missouri 4-H interim program leader.

Turner began her professional 4-H career in the Meramec area as a 4-H youth development specialist. In 1996 she became the state 4-H program leader for the MU Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development. During that time, she significantly expanded the resources for Missouri 4-H by establishing partnerships with the Corporation for National and Community Service and the MU Office of Student Financial Aid. She was asked twice to serve as interim vice provost and director of extension during critical transitions for the MU campus.

Prior to her retirement, Turner served as a member of the resource development team for National 4-H Council where she helped raise \$6 million to bolster 4-H programming in STEM, agriculture and healthy living. She also raised nearly \$2 million to address poverty and hunger in sub-Saharan Africa by strengthening 4-H programs in Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, Liberia and Zambia.



"I am deeply honored to be nominated by Missouri 4-H to join the National 4-H Hall of Fame," said Turner. "Missouri 4-H has a long tradition of innovation and excellence and I share this honor with youth, volunteers, staff and partners past and present who have contributed to this great tradition."

Throughout her career, Turner has supported numerous Missouri 4-H
Foundation programs and initiatives. In 2014, she and her sisters, Carol Turner and Anne Elkins, established the Waldo and Mary Belle Turner 4-H Youth Futures Scholarship in memory of their parents. Through her commitment to the 4-H Youth Futures program, Turner has helped numerous young people pursue their dreams of a college education.

The 2018 National 4-H Hall of Fame induction ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 19 at the 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. ■



Chair Mark Goth

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# A letter from Board Chair **Mark Goth**

Cummer is the best time of year for Missouri 4-H'ers. It is the time for them to Showcase their work and all they have learned in their projects over the past year by participating in county achievement days and at fairs around the state.

Summer isn't all work though, it's also filled with fun and learning for the youth of Missouri 4-H. Youth have the opportunity to participate in educational trips and conferences that help them discover their leadership skills, gain new experiences and meet new friends. The opportunities are endless, from regional 4-H camps to State 4-H Congress at Mizzou to Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C., and so much more.

For some youth, their summer experiences are awards from the previous years' work, while for others it may be their first 4-H experience outside of their local club. Whatever their reason for participating, Missouri 4-H stands ready to engage youth as valued, contributing members of their communities in partnership with caring adults.

For the past 68 years, the Missouri 4-H Foundation has partnered with the University of Missouri Extension to support Missouri 4-H. This partnership allows the University to hire the best faculty and staff to develop Missouri's youth while the 4-H Foundation raises dollars to support the programming needs of Missouri 4-H.

We're committed to ensuring the Missouri 4-H program thrives long into the future. As I mentioned in the winter issue of Spirit, the Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees has been working on a new five-year strategic plan to guide the organization. I'm proud to report that our plan is complete and now the real work begins to expand our donor base, cultivate new partnerships, deliver excellent stewardship and expand our marketing efforts.

Over the next five years, we plan to raise \$9 million to support the future of Missouri 4-H. During the same time period, the 4-H Foundation expects to provide \$3.5 million of support to Missouri 4-H, enabling the organization to carry out its vision of a world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together for positive change.

We can't do any of this without your support. Make a donation today, participate in our online fundraising campaign during National 4-H Week (October 7-13) or sign up for one of our upcoming events. Keep an eye out for these and other exciting opportunities as we work to grow the next generation of true leaders. Thank you for your support!

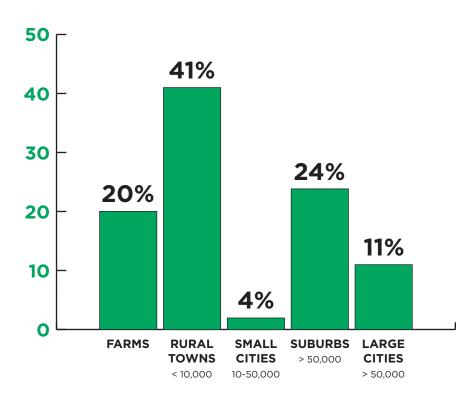
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Mark Goth, Missouri 4-H Foundation Chair

# 2017 enrollment at a glance...

MISSOURI 4-H is a community of 190,300 youth from across Missouri, learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

4-H has no geographic boundaries. While it has its beginnings in rural America, 4-H projects and activities today appeal to all voung people.



# Top 4-H project areas in 2017



25,829 AGRICULTURAL, FOOD,



10,532 SCIENCE, ENGINEERING. **TECHNOLOGY** 



ENVIRONMENTAL, **EARTH SCIENCES** 



15,941 CITIZENSHIP, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS

16,608

#### **CLUB PARTICIPANTS**

4-H clubs offer long-term educational experiences where members learn life skills such as decision making, public speaking and working with others. Members learn by doing under the guidance of adult volunteers who teach projects ranging from aerospace and arts to veterinary science and sport fishing. Clubs also involve children and teens in community service, camping and educational trips.

147,318\*

# SPECIAL-INTEREST PROGRAM **PARTICIPANTS\***

4-H special interest programs include conferences, distance learning programs, day camps and other educational activities such as school-age care. They often reach kids with special needs, such as those living in group homes or youth who are physically or mentally challenged.

28,784\*

# **SCHOOL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS\***

4-H school enrichment programs are shortterm educational experiences that supplement learning in the classroom.

\*Duplicates not removed

8,953

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers create, support and are part of the 4-H community. Missouri volunteers report they contribute 200 hours per year. Valuing their time at \$21.31 per hour, the contribution of Missouri 4-H volunteers was worth nearly \$38 million in 2017!

# Youth Spotlight: Steven Peters



**Steven Peters TILSIT 4-H CLUB** Cape Girardeau County

Writer: Rachel Augustine

Tust two years ago, Steven Peters never would have imagined the impact his 4-H experience would have on his future. The once shy, reserved young man from Cape Girardeau County has become a leader and a mentor in his club and community by sharing his passion for poultry and pushing himself and others to succeed.

Steven's transformation began the day he brought home his first classroom chick. One chick led to another and eventually, with the help of his family, he started growing his flock. As Steven's flock grew, so did his goals. Immediately after competing in the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest, he began working on his next goal, BBQ chicken. In 2017, Steven won the State 4-H Chicken BBQ Contest and qualified for the national contest.

# "Throughout his 4-H career, Steven has sought avenues to improve himself." - Lesley Meier

On a windy day in November 2017, Steven became the first Missouri 4-H member to win the National 4-H Chicken BBQ Contest. He said the skills he learned and the knowledge he gained in 4-H helped him remain calm and in control throughout the contest. His next goal is to compete at the national level in the egg preparation

"Throughout his 4-H career, Steven has sought avenues to improve himself," said Lesley Meier, 4-H youth specialist for Cape Girardeau County. "As the only non-FFA candidate to win a place at the 2017 Missouri Agribusiness Academy, Steven worked with Marsha Birk and me to better prepare himself for his interview because he was driven to succeed."

Steven's drive has become not only about selfimprovement, but also about educating and connecting with his community. He and a friend established a live bird showmanship contest at their local 4-H fair and they led a poultry workshop at a 4-H camp. At Farm Day, Steven has given several talks about poultry production to thousands of third-graders. He even brings birds to allow kids to interact with live animals.

Whether he's educating members of his community, sharing a laugh with friends, or setting personal goals, Steven is making a difference, but he would never say so, said Meier.

# Golfers raise \$37,000 for Missouri 4-H

olfers teed off in support of Missouri 4-H youth at the 9th annual 4-H Clover Classic Golf Tournament on June 5, 2018.

"We are so grateful for the generosity of our partners and friends who have teamed up with the Missouri 4-H Foundation to raise more than \$37,000 for Missouri 4-H," said Rachel Augustine, Missouri 4-H Foundation director.

Co-chair Bob Idel, with MU Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement Marshall Stewart and Chris Chinn, director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture, welcomed players and thanked everyone for their ongoing support of Missouri 4-H before challenging teams to have fun on the golf course.

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Among the attendees were, from left, State 4-H Council officers Mackenzie Loesch and Ashlvn Peterson. Truman the Tiger, Vice Chancellor for Extension & Engagement Marshall Stewart, and State 4-H Council officers Hannah Persell and Holly Hatfield.

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# Mo. Cattlemen's Association president credits 4-H for his success

Writer: Linda Geist

Life lessons learned in 4-H continue to help the president of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Greg Buckman.

Buckman credits mentors such as 4-H agents Herb Roth, Phil Weeden and Frank Graham for giving him skills he uses every day. Through their example, Buckman learned the importance of leadership, public speaking and giving back to your community.

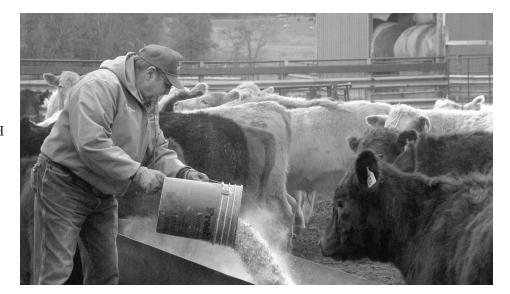
"Because of the guidance of great leaders such as 'Mr. 4-H' and 4-H Hall of Fame member Frank Graham and Phil Weeden and support from University of Missouri Extension youth specialists, I am able to continually draw from some of the most basic skills I developed in these youth programs," says Buckman, a 1976 MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources graduate.

Buckman belonged to 4-H for 10 years in Shelby County. In high school, he was elected a state FFA officer. FFA enhanced his skills and gave him practical knowledge he uses in his successful agribusiness operations today.

"All I ever wanted to be was a farmer," Buckman says. His love of John Deere equipment led him to apply for a position with the company that required a college degree. Buckman enrolled at the University of Missouri, majored in agricultural education and joined the Ag Rho fraternity. He worked two jobs and graduated in three years.

Two of his three sons also graduated from MU. The third farms 4,000 acres in central and northeastern Missouri and owns an aerial spray company.

"MU was the natural choice for



someone interested in agriculture," he says. "It is a great land-grant university. I had access to the best education and teachers in the area of agriculture."

"Because of the guidance of great leaders such as 'Mr. 4-H' and 4-H Hall of Fame member Frank Graham and Phil Weeden, and support from University of Missouri Extension youth specialists, I am continually able to draw from some of the most basic skills I developed in 4-H." – Greg Buckman

He worked for John Deere Co. and MFA as a district sales manager for several years after college, but he yearned to return to the farm. He bought a small farm and then another while selling health and life insurance and raising three sons. He is part owner of Apex Financial in Columbia.

Buckman found that insurance sales worked well for him and his family. He could work his appointments around farm chores and his sons' 4-H and FFA activities. Buckman was a 4-H leader for 15 years while his children participated.

Buckman continues to share his love of agriculture with youth in the state. His Red Top Ranch serves as a hub for agricultural education during Beef Month. Each May, more than 250 thirdand fourth-graders from Columbia schools learn where their food comes from during Beef Camp.

The Buckman family recently hosted the 56th annual Boone County Town & Country meeting. New University of Missouri System President Mun Choi attended the dinner and visited with farm families. This was the first time a UM System president had attended one of these meetings. Buckman says it was a good time to highlight what 4-H, FFA and MU Extension offer to the agribusiness world. He says he appreciated the commitment to these groups shown by the president's attendance.

# Join us for these upcoming events!



Close to 8,000 4-H members compete in the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Program annually, and over 1,600 adult volunteers oversee and support their efforts. In an effort to promote the continued expansion of this program, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will host the first annual Missouri 4-H Sporting Clays Charity Shoot on Sat., Oct. 6, 2018. All proceeds will benefit the Missouri 4-H Foundation Shooting Sports Endowment Fund.

# Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018

Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports 1420 County Road 276 Columbia, MO 65202

# Course Sponsor \$1,000

Includes registration for 4 competitors, catered lunch, premium event signage, station sponsor sign, and recognition in newsletters and press releases.

### Squad \$200

Includes registration for 4 competitors and a catered lunch.

## **Station Sponsor \$100**

Includes one station sponsor sign.

Register online at 4h.missouri.edu/foundation.

Questions about the event? Contact Jim Sappington at 573-884-2036 or jds@missouri.edu.

Gather your friends and get ready to give your brain a workout while supporting Missouri 4-H. Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Missouri 4-H Quiz Night benefiting the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

# Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018

Knights of Columbus Hall 2525 N Stadium Blvd Columbia, MO 65202

## **Presenting Sponsor \$1,000**

Includes registration for 8 players and logo/name recognition throughout the event.

# Round Sponsor + Table of 8 \$300

Includes registration for 8 players and logo/name recognition at the beginning of your trivia round.

## Round Sponsor \$200

Includes logo/name recognition at the beginning of your trivia round.

# **4TH ANNUAL**



## Table of 8 \$200 | Individual Tickets \$25

Register online at 4h.missouri.edu/foundation.

Questions about the event? Contact Chris Willow at 573-882-2680 or willowc@missouri.edu.

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Nelson\* and Lorene Trickey Dr. L. Jo Turner and Dr. Dale Brigham

Russ Weathers

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# **Financials**

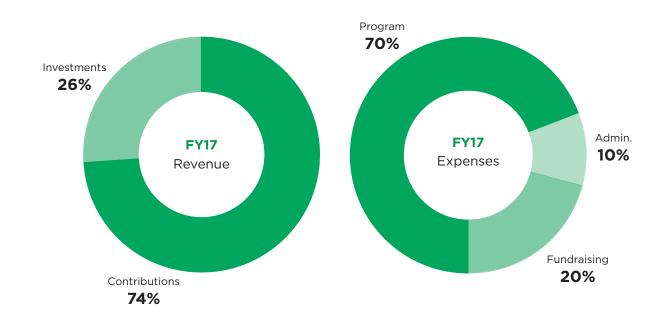
#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Revenues, Expenses and Other Changes in Net Assets — Modified Cash Basis for the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

REVENUE:	2017	2016
Contributions	\$412,126	\$742,807
Memberships and Other Fees	(\$2,594)	\$170,477
Investment Income	\$148,588	\$145,890
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$368,594	(\$214,649)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$926,714	\$844,525

EXPENSES	2017	2016
Program	\$485,584	\$672,677
General and Administrative	\$68,967	\$119,489
Fundraising	\$143,574	\$149,847
Total Operating Expenses	\$698,125	\$942,013
Payments to Beneficiaries	\$6,236	\$6,236
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$704,361	\$948,249

Change in Net Assets	\$222,353	(\$103,724)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$6,645,752	\$6,749,746
Net Assets, End of Year	\$6,868,105	\$6,645,752





# How your support helped 4-H members in 2017

159
youth sent on national and

international trips

college scholarships awarded totaling

\$58,050

2,468

youth attended state contests funded by the Missouri 4-H Foundation

\$485,584

Total direct program support to the MU Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development 84

volunteers honored with statewide recognition awards \$114,110

Total funds awarded to counties through grants and statewide fundraisers